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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1682 **An Act To Ensure the Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences**

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S VACHON K	OTP-AM ONTP	S-411

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish standards for recovery residences based on standards established by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences. It also authorizes the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to assist persons with substance use disorders involving opioids with housing placement in recovery residences, including residences in which residents share rooms.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It adds definitions of "person recovering from a substance use disorder" and "recovery residence" and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a voluntary certification process for recovery residences. It also directs the Maine State Housing Authority to create a pilot project to provide a short-term rental subsidy to a person recovering from a substance use disorder to reside in a certified recovery residence.

It also adds recovery to substance abuse prevention and treatment in the context of activities and services under the laws addressing alcohol and drug abuse. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1707 **An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases**

PUBLIC 464

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VACHON K VOLK A	OTP-AM ONTP	H-604 H-648 VACHON K

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides funds to support hypodermic apparatus, or syringe, exchange programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-604)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It incorporates a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-648)

This amendment removes from the bill the emergency preamble, the emergency clause and the General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2017-18.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 464 provides funds to support hypodermic apparatus, or syringe, exchange programs.